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FM hours change

The 301st Financial Management office closes each Wednesday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for training. Regular hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 817.782.6974.

Inaugural awards banquet planned

The first 301st Fighter Wing's Awards Banquet is Feb. 3, 2007. Ticket sales will begin in November. See your first sergeant or any FW chief for more information.

CFC runs through November 17

The 301st Fighter Wing's Combined Federal Campaign, "Be an everyday hero," is accepting contributions via your unit's key worker. FW Staff: Lt. Col. Moyer; Maintenance: Senior Master Sgt. Elmore; Mission Support Group: Capt. Bryant; and Operations Group: Mr. Queretaro. For more info, call Lt. Col. Moyer, 817.782.6875.

Remember...

This month's Unit Training Assembly is 4-5 November. There is no alternate date scheduled.



In step

Master Sgt. Wilburn Battles, III (left) performs an honor guard drill team movement called "Inspection Arms" along with Staff Sgt. Jason Lester (right), both 301st Maintenance Squadron F-16 crew chiefs, during this year's annual Family Day Picnic. This move prepares the team to conduct an inspection of the weapons. Additional Family Day photos are available on pages 6-7. Anyone wishing to join this award winning team can call Master Sgt. Ross Wood, at 817.782.3849. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kristin Mack)

President, military leaders dedicate Air Force Memorial

Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — On behalf of a grateful nation, the president of the United States accepted the Air Force Memorial in a dedication ceremony here attended by military leaders of the past and present, political and business represen-

tatives and thousands of ordinary citizens and Airmen alike.

"A Soldier can walk the battlefields where he once fought," said President George W. Bush. "A Marine can walk the beaches he once stormed, but an Airman can never visit the patch of sky he raced across to defend freedom. And so it is fitting that from this day forward, the men and

women of the Air Force will have this memorial."

The ceremony was the highlight of a day-long open house event that attracted thousands of people from around the country to the south parking lot of the Pentagon. Huge screens were put

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Unrivaled Wingmen

Total Force requires total effort

Col. Kevin E. Pottinger
301st Fighter Wing
Commander

Attending the Commander's Conference hosted by Lt. Gen. John Bradley, Air Force Reserve Command commander, has been a treat. When you are with a commander like General Bradley, you know you are among one of the best.

He knows how to get people working together at their full potential since we are all part of a single team fighting as a unified Air Force. After all, we share the same priorities and goals – One Air Force, Same Fight.

The conference focus has been on the future ... specifically the future vision of AFRC. This vision is to provide the world's best mutual support to

the Air Force and our joint partners – flying and fighting as an Unrivaled Wingman.

So, how can the 301st Fighter Wing become a part of this future vision? It can be achieved through volunteerism and teamwork. As we prepare for the Aerospace Expeditionary Force, we must remember we are part of the total force. Some of our airmen have even volunteered for a 120-day assignment to help with the mission. I'm proud our wing has always had volunteers willing to meet the commitments the active duty has tasked us with.

The message, stated in the AFRC Vision Statement, sums up what we need to do to be among the best. According to the statement, "We must always train to the same standards as a Regular



Chief Master Sgt. Dale Nickelson, 301st Maintenance Squadron, presents Col. Kevin Pottinger with a memento of his time spent in Iraq. The flag was flown July 4, 2006, on an Iraqi Air Force C-130 in honor of U.S. Independence Day. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

component – One Air Force. We will always strive to maintain parity in equipment with the other components of the Air Force. We will always ensure we remain accessible, flexible, and combat ready."

The conference has re-

minded me that our wing is a formidable part of the total mission. I know General Bradley has confidence in our wing since he chooses to fly with us. I am confident we will always be considered "An Unrivaled Wingman."

Remember -- Vets need recognition on Veterans Day



from the First Sergeant's desk

Master Sgt. Steve Baker

457th Fighter Squadron First Sergeant

November 11 is Veterans Day, which was established in commemoration of the end of World War I and in honor of veterans of the armed forces. Webster's dictionary defines a veteran as, "a person who has served in the armed forces." To a true veteran, Webster's definition seems so simplistic. Veterans would probably find it hard to define their military service in a simple one-liner.

To most veterans it runs a little deeper in the heart, mind, and soul. It is not only the pride in serving a great country, but the extended family for which one is apart of. Those deep seated

feelings belong to the men and women of current and past wars; to the airman who served with the squadrons stateside and overseas, to the sailors who served on the ships in the high seas, and to the Marines and Soldiers who patrolled the jungles and streets.

A veteran is someone who makes a difference; a contributor to an effort that affects the armed forces team and the American way of life. As a member of the 301st Fighter Wing you are a member of one of the finest military organizations in the United States Air Force. We are not just serving in the armed forces; we are contributing to the armed forces. Be proud of your fighter wing, be proud of your Air Force, be proud of your country; but most of all, be proud of your accomplishments and all those veterans who have made our country strong.

A veteran's blood runs red, white, and blue and we are indebted to those who have contributed to our freedom. Show your appreciation and thank veterans for their contributions. Show your pride by flying your flags high on Veterans Day, November 11th.

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AIR FORCE RESERVE

301st Fighter Wing
Airman of the Quarter
July-September 2006

**Senior Airman
Thomas E. Hill**

Combat Arms Instructor
301st Security Forces
Squadron



Senior Airman Hill's accomplishments:

Senior Airman Hill supported Operation Iraqi Freedom at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. He was selected as Security Forces Air Force Reserve Command Force Protection Airman of the Year by 7th SFS. Airman Hill also controlled SF response during a 7th Bomb Wing Major Accident Response Exercise receiving accolades from 7th Mission Support Group and SFS commanders. He has earned two bachelor degrees from University of Texas at Arlington and maintains his Instrument Pilot Certificate from the Federal Aeronautical Administration. Airman Hill also donates to North Texas Food Banks and the American Red Cross.

301st Fighter Wing
NCO of the Quarter
July-September 2006

**Tech. Sgt.
Ronald J. Zumwalt**

Fire Team Member
301st Security Forces
Squadron



Tech. Sgt. Zumwalt's accomplishments:

Tech. Sgt. Zumwalt was the only superior performer recognized for dress and appearance during the wing's Unit Compliance Inspection -- his second such award in two years. Sergeant Zumwalt has deployed to the 3rd Security Forces Squadron in Elmendorf, Alaska, and to Little Rock, Ark., for Ground Combat Readiness Training. He developed a benchmark work center Master Training Plan to standardize training criteria and rebuilt the squadron's Emergency Management program from the ground up. Sergeant Zumwalt also participates in the Air Force's Toy Drive and 301st Pilot for a Day program.

301st Fighter Wing
SNCO of the Quarter
July-September 2006
**Senior Master Sgt.
Christopher M. Hurley**

NCOIC Section A

301st Aircraft Maintenance
Squadron



Senior Master Sgt. Hurley's accomplishments:

Senior Master Sgt. Hurley led maintainers to unequalled accomplishments and top statistics within the Air Force Reserve Command during FY05 by having the highest F-16 Mission Capable (MC) rate in the command. Sergeant Hurley deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq, to support Operation Iraqi Freedom in a multi-role capacity. He assisted in achieving a 100 percent MC rate -- a first during AEF 7/8. Sergeant Hurley was a major factor in winning AFRC's Maintenance Effectiveness Award 2005. He also supports the 301st Fighter Wing's Pilot for a Day program for terminally ill children and is active in the Paws Across Texas therapy dog program.



Family can bring a sense of purpose to your hectic schedule

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey
Public Affairs

Years ago a friend told me, “*may your life be like a roll of toilet paper – long and useful!*” I’ve tried to heed these words as best as possible, except for a few minor accidents along the way, so to speak.

But as we all know, life isn’t as easy as we might have hoped. We go through each day trying to make the next day better than the last only to realize that one of the main things in our life that makes this possible is our family.

Husbands, wives, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers, uncles, aunts, cousins and the list goes on and on. Family is the glue that helps keep things moving in the right direction. But do we always realize this?

Funny, it’s the people closest to us that we most often take for granted and sometimes never fully appreciate. I’m probably the greatest offender.

Think for just a moment. If we’re not careful, we can let stress and the pressure of ‘just trying to make it’ come between these rewarding relationships. It’s sad to think about, but we work the hardest to impress those who don’t mean a lot to us; and spend more time with the people we enjoy the least.



Staff Sgt. Kevin Brannan, 73rd Aerial Port Squadron, spends time with one of his daughters during the recent 301st Fighter Wing Annual Family Day Picnic here. Sergeant Brannan is not only a father but a husband and an air transportation craftsman. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kristin Mack)

A wise man once wrote about a plumber who worked hard all day. Neighbors used to notice, as he got out of his truck in the evening he would go over to a small tree in the yard and hold his hands over it for a few minutes before going inside to be with his family. One day a neighbor stopped him and asked about this. He said, “*My day is filled with enough stress, pressure and frustration. Before I go inside, I lay all my troubles on the ‘trouble tree’ so that I won’t let it affect my family.*”

As a husband and father, I gain so much strength from my family. But I have to admit, I sometimes don’t pay enough attention to them like I should. There are times I may be in my own little world, or I might keep myself so busy that

when I am home, I’m not really, if you know what I mean.

Unfortunately, when I do this I move the hands of time even faster. For instance, there are times when I’m gone a few days, but when I return it seems like my little girl has grown three inches. One day she’s asking me to play dolls with her and the next day she may be ready to plan her wedding – time escapes us that fast. Then, when it comes to my wife, I remember how we use to hold hands at the movies. Unfortunately, now the only things my hands hold are a tub of popcorn and a cold 16-ounce drink! Sadly, it’s so easy to allow our wholesome ways and healthy habits to drift off course. These examples may be different for others but the

failure to sometimes appreciate each other is still the same.

Let’s start tomorrow by making a change for the better. Little by little, we can set the record straight and make a positive difference in our families. As the holidays approach, we can do more than just buy gifts and set up decorations. Let’s provide a safe and healthy environment and appreciate the time together by sharing our lives and our experiences with the families we love.

I’ve been told there are three things people nearing the end of their life think about: Did my life have purpose? Did I love? Was I loved? Everything else seems to pale in comparison.

It’s something to think about.

Your Wingman could be the IG

Col. Vince Wilcox

301st FW Inspector General

It has been a couple years since Gen. John Jumper introduced the concept of every Airman being a good Wingman. Succinctly, it is, "Take care of yourself and those around you."

I'm taking the liberty to extend the Wingman concept to formal organizations within the wing that you can turn to when you hit a rough patch.

First off, I encourage you to consult your supervisor, first sergeant, and commander for assistance.

But what if it's a special problem or, for whatever reason, you don't wish to use your chain of command? There are a number of agencies within the wing that may be appropriate alternatives: chaplain, family readiness, sexual assault response coordinator, military equal opportunity, judge advocate, and inspector general, to name a few.

I'm going to tell you more about the latter, as I'm the Wing Inspector General. The IG is an ombudsman. Moreover, the IG program is also referred to as the "complaints resolution program." Note that it says "resolution," not "solution." I do not have authority to guarantee satisfaction. Regardless, I will listen and objectively evaluate your problem, and act as an impartial fact finder.

The majority of 301st members contacting the IG have issues that are not matters within IG purview. No problem. Our frequent responses are to refer the member to the appropriate agency or assist the member, workload permitting. We endeavor to assist the member in resolving their problem so they can get back their focus on mission accomplishment. That's IG mission success.

If you are looking for more than assistance, in other words, you felt you have been

wronged, what does an IG complaint need to include? There are four components:

- *What law, policy, procedure, instruction, or directive was violated?
- *What violation was committed?
- *Who committed the violation?
- *When was the violation committed?

In regards to the last element, IG complaints not reported with 60 days of learning of the alleged wrong will normally be dismissed. Consequently, don't stew on a problem or procrastinate about submitting a complaint.

Once you submit the complaint, preferably via an AF Form 102 — available on the 301st IG Web page, we'll take this information and perform a complaint analysis. Contingent upon the results of this analysis, a formal investigation may ensue.

Here are a couple more key points to set expectations. IGs cannot delay command or

personnel actions regarding a complainant based on the filing of a complaint. Likewise, the IG system only investigates and reports what it finds on alleged wrong doing. IGs do not have authority to take corrective or punitive action. That authority rests with commanders.

To file an IG complaint or to seek assistance, contact me at 817.782.6956, or any member of the IG team: Lt. Col. John Moyer, the alternate IG, at 817.782.6875, or the IG superintendent Master Sgt. Vonda Simon-Graham, at 817.782.6930.

In closing, continue being outstanding Wingmen, keeping watch on your fellow 301st members. If you observe someone drifting from formation position, lend them a hand. If you are being challenged in maintaining your Wingman position, please seek help. Consider consulting assistance agencies within the wing, including the IG.

Devote time, effort to strengthen your Wingman skills

Vicki Majors

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator/Behavioral Health Support Coordinator

Wingman Day, Nov. 9, is meant to strengthen the morale and welfare of the unit by devoting time to building relationships between co-workers. Our recent 301st Fighter Wing Family Day picnic was an excellent opportunity to meet this objective. Kudos to all who made this event a success!

We are all Airmen — every Air Force civilian, officer and enlisted member is an Airman, just as members of the Navy's workforce are Sailors and the Army's are Soldiers. In aerial combat, the basic operating element is the Wingman concept which can be applied to our everyday lives.

Air Force reservists are Wingmen all month long, not only on a drill weekend! A Wingman is someone who fulfills the commitment to look out for fellow Airmen, Airmen being Air Force's military and civilians. A Wingman: provides emotional and intellectual support to fellow Airmen; shows true concern and actively listens; can identify stressors and is aware of assistance programs

available; intervenes when appropriate; maximizes personal and team safety on and off the job — doesn't let his fellow Airmen participate in self-destructive behavior; and develops true caring relationships with co-workers.

When you join the Air Force, you become part of a unique culture. The foundation of this "Culture of Airmen" is our core values — Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. These core values can be linked to our Wingman concept.

Integrity First: Honest caring and doing what's right — not just lip service.

Service before Self: Looking out for each other — not just looking out for yourself!

Excellence in All We Do: Be the best Wingman you can be.

Linked to Wingman Day and Air Force Core Values is a new program, Culture of Responsible Choices Program, that the Air Force introduced February 2006. Alcohol misuse and illegal drug use is incompatible with Air Force core values. The misuse of

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Rain dampen



Get the point

301st Fighter Wing members' children were treated to a day of free game booths with prizes galore. The game area remained packed with children of all ages showing off their skills at darts, beanbag tic-tac-toe, and missile launcher. Helium balloons also filled the air, and some nearby trees, while the rain drizzle failed to dampen anyone's spirits. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kristin Mack)



On your mark

301st Mission Support Group members ready themselves at the starting line to accomplish their annual fitness test. The Air Force uses a composite fitness score based on aerobic fitness, muscular strength and body composition to determine overall fitness. The fitness score is derived from timed 1.5-mile run, push-ups, crunches and a waist circumference measurement. This annual requirement helps to ensure a totally fit Air Force team. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kristin Mack)

On air

The bounce house and obstacle course were just a couple of activities that kept the children entertained, and beverages were a big hit as were the free game booths at the marina for half the day while rain filled other half. Eventhough the rain did not dampen the spirits, the 301st has been made to complete this annual grudge match during upcoming years. For more details, call 817.782.7868. A big thank you goes out to all who made this event a recurring success. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kristin Mack)

doesn't family day



Slam dunk

Many 301st Fighter Wing members and their families were given an opportunity of a lifetime -- to soak a commander in the dunking booth during the recent Family Day Picnic here. Various commanders, including the 701st Medical Squadron, 301st Civil Engineer Squadron, 301st Mission Support Squadron and 301st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, were repeatedly slam dunked making an enjoyable day for many Air Force Reserve troops. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kristin Mack)



And the winner is ...

Senior Master Sgt. Art Zimmerman, 301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron fabrication flight, was awarded the Spirit Award from Col. Kevin Pottinger, 301st Fighter Wing commander. His unmatched contributions to the wing include his pre-coordination efforts and execution of every 301st Fighter Wing picnic, local air shows, Combat Dining-Ins and most recently, a street sign he constructed single-handedly to memorialize a departed wing member's contributions to the wing. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

activities 301st Fighter Wing family members came to enjoy. Food available for all ages. Toys, games and balloons filled the base. The softball tournament was rained out at midpoint, plans have for naming UTAs. Please have all coaches contact Maj. Chris Clark at volunteers who continually contribute their time and talents to make (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kristin Mack)

Count your blessings this Thanksgiving for your nation, family

Chaplain (Maj.) Mark
McDaniel

301st Fighter Wing
Chaplain

Editor's Note: This article was Chaplain McDaniel's sermon while he was deployed to Iraq during this time last year.

Thanksgiving Day! What an incredible flood of memories it brings every one of us. I think that, of any day here when I have missed my couch more, it would be today! Thanksgiving weekend has always been a time to relax, eat turkey, watch football, send the wife shopping and begin the annual ritual of putting up Christmas decorations. But my favorite tradition around this time of the year is to watch the University of Texas Longhorns pummel the hapless Aggies in their annual match!

However, this year is a little different. There is no couch, no home, no shopping and no comfort! We are here, together, at Balad Air Base in the nation of Iraq – thinking of home. We have heard this morning about a different thanksgiving celebration than what we are used to enjoying. I submit that, for many here, this is the first thanksgiving we have ever celebrated where we have so much in common with those early pilgrims.

The pilgrims traveled from home to a distant land. Originally, these English Separatists lived in the town of Leyden, Holland. They'd gone there to flee religious persecution in England. Despite toleration by the government, though, these religious people decided that the best thing to do for their children and their children's children, would be to journey to the New World and establish a new home. Upon arrival, they faced great hardship. Over the first winter



close to half of their number perished from cold, starvation and disease. These loved ones would be buried near the colony church-house which also served as the public meeting room. The feast itself would take place near the graveyard filled with friends and family members. And yet, the surviving Pilgrims would be able to thank God for his providential care over their lives.

Interestingly, around ninety Native Americans joined this feast of celebration and thanksgiving. Remarkably, they did not want to leave their newfound friends. A unique friendship and cooperation developed between these two peoples. Out of these meager beginnings, a new nation would eventually be born out of thirteen original colonies.

We too, have journeyed from our homes to a far and distant land. We are not simply here for ourselves, but also for the Iraqi people. Our hope is that what we do here will mean something to the children and grandchildren of the present day Iraqi citizens. Much like the Pilgrims, we have faced great hardship. Many of our comrades have been wounded, and some two thousand Americans have given their lives for **Operation Iraqi Freedom**. We have watched flag-draped coffins loaded onto planes and seen cordons of tearful Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and civilians honor our fallen comrades – and still we

can thank God.

We can thank God because we are here contributing to something larger than ourselves. Ten years after the Plymouth colony was founded, a Puritan, John Winthrop journeyed across the stormy Atlantic to settle in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, he wrote in his diary, *"For this end we must be knit together. We must entertain each other in brotherly affection. We must be willing to give up our superfluities to supply others' necessities ... We must delight in each other; make others' conditions our own; rejoice together, mourn together, labor and suffer together... So shall we keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. The Lord will be our God, and ... make us a praise and a glory, that men shall say of later plantations, 'May the Lord make it like that of New England.'"* What Winthrop and the Pilgrims sought to do was to build a great society which would promote peace, justice and hope for the world. We are here on a similar mission.

During this deployment, we have witnessed transforming history in a region of the world which has only known dictatorship and tyranny. Our very presence has allowed the seed of liberty, freedom and justice to be planted for the Iraqi people. We, ourselves, might not see this seed grow into a tall and mighty tree ... but neither did Winthrop

nor the Pilgrims. In fact, our mission here is the fruition of their dreams, their hopes and their prayers. For that we can be thankful.

We can also be thankful that we are contributing to the larger war on terror which rocked our nation four years ago. The first Sunday many of us were here at Balad was the fourth anniversary of those deadly attacks in New York, Washington D.C. and a Pennsylvania field. Each day we are deployed brings the fight to the enemy and away from our homes and families. We are thankful our nation has not experienced what many other nations are experiencing. We are thankful our presence here stands as a shield of protection not only for ourselves but for the Iraqi people.

Before my deployment here, I had the opportunity to view past editions of the 'Red Tail Flyer.' In one edition I saw photographs of a humanitarian mission to a local school. When I saw the pictures of the teachers and children holding up several of the items which were given to them, I realized then that our mission could already be counted successful. Due to our efforts, children across this nation could now learn more than they ever could have dreamed before. By providing a shield of protection – whether through piloting an F-16 or Predator, flying a helicopter, guarding a convoy, maintaining aircraft, guarding a gate, working on legal issues, commanding a squadron, fixing the Armed Forces Network, or passing out slushies at the rec. tent – we are giving these people a chance – and for that, we can be thankful!

Next year's Thanksgiving will arrive before we know it. There we will be ... stretched out on a couch, eating turkey and stuffing, and watching the

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either represents a clear and present danger to Air Force missions, morale, and discipline. The CoRC is based on a tremendously successful pilot project at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., "0-0-1-3" (first 0 represents underage drinking, 0 DUIs, 1 drink per hour, maximum of 3 drinks per night.) Establishing a culture of responsible choices represents a cultural shift from "work hard/play hard" to "work hard/play smart."

Other Wingman concept principles, besides responsible drinking behavior include: safe practices at home, at work, and on vacation; effective identification of an intervention with troubled Airmen; effective suicide prevention; effective sexual assault response and prevention; effective domestic violence intervention and prevention; effective financial management; and responsible decision-making and behavior in all phases of our lives.

When you're concerned about a co-worker, or have problems yourself, you have many avenues for assistance. Call Vicki Majors, SARC and Behavioral Health Support Coordinator, at 817.782.3848, or 817.401.5046 for 24/7 sexual assault response. Your Air Force Reserve chaplains are available during the UTA weekend, 817.782.7267. Your Family Readiness Center, 817.782.7435, can also help point you in the right direction. Military OneSource 800.342.9647 or www.militaryonesource.com is available 24/7. The Leaders Guide for Managing Personnel in Distress is available through the Wingman link on the AFMC home page or <http://afspp.afms.mil>.

(Wingman concept information and CoRC information came from the AFMC 2006 Wingman Plan and AFRC Wingman Day CONOPS and from a memo from Lt. Gen. Roger Brady, DCS, Manpower and Personnel, JQ USAF and CoRC tool kit respectively.)

Community College of the Air Force announces 31 new graduates

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On behalf of all American citizens President George W. Bush accepts the Air Force Memorial from Air Force Memorial Foundation Chairman Ross Perot, Jr. during a dedication ceremony at Arlington, Va., on Oct. 14, 2006. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Cohen Young)

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up which allowed the visitors in the parking lot to view the dedication ceremony, which took place at the base of the memorial.

That crowd included H. Ross Perot and his son, H. Ross Perot Jr., who is chairman of the Air Force Memorial Foundation, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. Also in attendance were former chiefs of staff of the Air Force, secretaries of the Air Force, chief master sergeants of the Air Force, Air Force Medal of Honor recipients and their families.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley spoke at the event, saying he was deeply honored to be a part of it. He reflected on the Airmen who serve today, and their connection to the dedicated Airmen who served in the past.

"We have the most powerful air, space and cyberspace force in the world," he said. "This is a long overdue tribute to all those who are a part of this ongoing cycle of dedicated and talented Americans who service in the Air Force."

The Air Force Band performed several pieces while a video was shown with clips from pilots climbing into World War II bombers to modern-day Airmen working in the sands of Iraq.

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley spoke

of several Airmen who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. He read an excerpt from a letter sent by Senior Airman Jason Cunningham, an Air Force parajumper with the Special Forces to his wife, Theresa, before he was killed in combat in Afghanistan in 2002.

"As if aware of his impending death, he wrote, 'I'll die a happy man doing the job I love'," read General Moseley. "Those are the words of a true PJ, and it speaks volumes of his commitment and dedication. We honor him with this memorial, as well as the countless others who are like him."

Several aircraft, ranging from World War I bi-planes to today's stealth bombers and fighters, flew over the crowd and memorial in chronological order, providing visual evidence of the evolution of military flight.

The ceremony ended with a demonstration from the Thunderbirds, who buzzed the crowd before doing the bomb-burst formation, which inspired the design of the three-spires of the memorial.

"We commemorate today the courage of the men and women who wear the Air Force blue," said President Bush. "We remember those who gave their lives for their fellow Americans. We mourn their loss, we pray for their families and we consecrate their legacy here today."

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Longhorns whoop up on A&M. I am sure my thoughts will flood once more back to this place. I will remember something my father told my mother a long time ago. After 32 years of service in the Army Air Corps/Air Force, my dad volunteered for two tours to Vietnam as an Ammo troop. He told my mother he did that so, "his sons wouldn't have to." He hoped for a better future.

We don't know what our future will hold for ourselves or the Iraqi people, but we can know we all did our part to try to make the world a better place, not just for ourselves, not just for our families, but for all of humanity. Very few people and nations could ever imagine attempting to accomplish what we are here doing on a daily basis.

May God truly bless our nation, our cause, and may His Providential Grace extend throughout the earth. Amen.

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**TO THE FAMILY OF****OPSEC tip of the month -**

OPSEC is the first and most important element of any security program, especially when combined with training and awareness.

REENLISTMENTS and NEWCOMERS**Reenlistments****301 LRS**

Tech. Sgt. Michael Carocci

301 MOF

Tech. Sgt. Jerome Williams

10AF

Senior Master Sgt. Helen Tully

610 SFS

Senior Airman Jarahn Young

Newcomers**701 MDS**

Airman Basic Sommona L. Ada

Airman Basic Jenny R. Nolasco

Airman Basic Thomas Olivas

Airman Basic Adam K. Sotelo

Senior Airman Weston M. Lather

Tech. Sgt. Glenn W. Rameres

Capt. Theresa D. Clark

Capt. Kristina L. Haydel

Capt. Eduardo Medina

Col. Robert B. Kelsey, Jr.

301 CES

Senior Airman Benjamin J. Alexis

Senior Airman Shannon N. Millan

Senior Airman Keiondra N. Morgan

Staff Sgt. James L. Burns

Staff Sgt. Kevin A. Cole

Staff Sgt. Gary L. James

Staff Sgt. John D. Williams

Master Sgt. Edward R. Kulick

301 MXS

Airman Basic Travis D. Moore

Airman 1st Class Michael A. Arredondo

Airman 1st Class Ron McKay Justesen

Airman 1st Class Anthony R. Moomau

Airman 1st Class Lexi L. Washington

Senior Airman Derek A. Staine

Staff Sgt. Jeremy G. Fleshman

Master Sgt. Cory D. Reid

301 LRS

Staff Sgt. Christopher R. Waltenbaugh

Tech. Sgt. Joseph L. Battiest

Tech. Sgt. Gary Hill

Tech. Sgt. Myrna M. Thomas

301AMXS

Airman Basic James D. Howell

Senior Airman Jon W. Finzen

Senior Airman Joshua A. Russell

Staff Sgt. Hans K. Bergen

Staff Sgt. Keith C. Driessen

Staff Sgt. Michael S. Greer

Staff Sgt. Chad McAbeen

Staff Sgt. Robert J. Wilson, Jr.

Tech. Sgt. Paul Cotto

Tech. Sgt. Lance A. Keeling

73 APS

Airman 1st Class Lucas A. Ortega

Airman 1st Class Andrew R. Outland

Senior Airman Jack Blackwell

Senior Airman Mark A. Eskander

Senior Airman Tomas A. Ortiz Bonilla

Maj. James K. Rogers

301 SFS

Staff Sgt. Jason Burchett

Staff Sgt. Michael A. Caldwell

Staff Sgt. Michael P. Stinemetze, Jr.

Staff Sgt. Kelly R. Velder

Tech. Sgt. William P. Swetlick

10AF

Senior Master Sgt. Anna L. Della

Lt. Col. Patrick Webb

Col. Jimmy L. Wilson

610 SFS

Airman 1st Class Kevin A. Land

Airman 1st Class Melissa L. McEntee

Airman 1st Class Nathaniel G. Modisette

Senior Airman Geronimo Gutierrez

Staff Sgt. David D. Fackler

Staff Sgt. Arturo L. Maldonado

Staff Sgt. Francisco T. Martinez

1Lt. Christer D. Matthews

Maj. Timothy S. Donnelly

301 FW

Airman 1st Class Rolando M. Martinez

Senior Airman Michael E. Dryer

Staff Sgt. Eric L. Gomer

Staff Sgt. Lorenzo Herrera, Jr.

2Lt. Lester J. Quade

Maj. Karl D. Lewis

301AMDS

Airman Jennifer D. Williams

Staff Sgt. Amanda L. Jones

Tech. Sgt. Juanita L. Hargrove

610 SVF

Airman Basic Kelli D. Jackson

301 MOF

Senior Airman Corey R. Loverson

301 MSS

Master Sgt. Timothy Lynch

610 RSG

Airman 1st Class Adrian C. Rodella

Tech. Sgt. Edwin J. Martin

Senior Master Sgt. Sean Quinn

Lt. Col. Walter L. Smith

Col. Wayne J. Olson

301 MSG

1Lt. Marc A. Monreal

457FS

Senior Master Sgt. Sara J. Schiel

301 SVF

Senior Master Sgt. Gina M. Williams